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Proposal of amendments by the Plurinational State of Bolivia to article 49, paragraphs 1 (c) and 2 (e)

Note by the Secretary-General

In its decision 2009/250 of 30 July 2009, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of the note by the Secretary-General (E/2009/78) on the proposal of the Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to amend article 49, paragraphs 1 (c) and 2 (e), of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol,[1] decided, in accordance with article 47, paragraph 1, of the Convention as amended, to initiate the procedures established in paragraph 1 (b) of that article, which states that the parties shall be asked whether they accept the proposed amendment and also asked to submit to the Economic and Social Council any comments on the proposal.

The Secretary-General, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicated to the parties to the Convention the text of Council decision 2009/250 in a depositary notification[2] dated 30 July 2009.

The Secretary-General is hereby communicating to the Council a note verbale dated 26 January 2011 from the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations (see annex).

[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 976, No. 14152.
[2] C.N.474.2009.TREATIES-3.

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Annex

Note verbale dated 26 January 2011 from the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and has the honour to submit the following the comments of the Government of Canada with reference to (a) the Secretary-General's note C.N.194.2009.TREATIES-2 (Depositary Notification), dated 6 April 2009, which communicated a proposal by the Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to amend the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1972 (the Single Convention), and (b) the Secretary-General's note C.N.474.2009.TREATIES-3 (Depositary Notification) dated 30 July 2009, which informed the parties to the Single Convention of the decision of the Economic and Social Council to initiate the procedures established in accordance with article 47, paragraph 1 (b), of the Single Convention with regard to the proposal.

In considering the proposed amendment, it is the view of the Government of Canada that Member States must remain guided by the principles and objectives of the Single Convention. As such, and in accordance with article 47, paragraph 1 (b), of the Single Convention, the Government of Canada, consistent with its general obligations outlined in article 4 of the Convention, does not accept the proposed amendment to the Convention.